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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GOPALAKRISHNAN ET AL.

Examiner

Robert W Wilson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.0 The application of Nandu Gopalakrishnan et al. for a "Integrating Power-Controlled and Rate-Controlled Transmissions On A Same Frequency Carrier" filed 09/11/2000 and amended on 5/4/04 has been examined. Claims 1-24 & 26 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2.0 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3.0 Claims 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Vanghi et al. (U.S.

Patent No.: 6,393,276 B1)

Referring to **Claim 24**, Vanghi et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,393,276) teaches: A method of determining a data rate (Fig 2) comprising the steps of :

Receiving signal-to-interference measurements from a plurality of receivers (It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that each BS has more than one mobile in order for the invention to work. The mobile reports SNR to the Base per Fig 2);

Determining data rates based on available transmit power and the received signal-to-interference measurements (BSC determines data rates and channel power based upon SNR per Fig 2 or col. 5 lines 62-67)

Transmitting data to one of the plurality of the receivers at the determined data rates (The BSC determines data rate per Fig 2 and per 152 per Fig 3.) and

Scheduling the plurality of receivers for time slotted data transmission based on determined data rates (The BSC assigns the data rate on a channel basis per 153 per Fig 3. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the assigned data rate would be utilized by the receiver in order for the invention to work)

Vanghi does not expressly call for: signal-to-interference but teaches SNR per Fig 2.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that SNR or signal to noise ratio is the same as signal to interference ratio because they both perform the same function.

Allowable Subject Matter

4.0 The present invention is directed to a communication device which the receiver measures SIR as well as determines data rate based upon SIR and available transmit power upon receiving an available power message from the transmitter. The receiver sends a data rate message to the transmitter based upon SIR measured at the receiver.

The closest prior art is Vandghi (U.S. Patent No.: 6,393,276 B1), Corazza (U.S. Patent No.; 6,563,810 B1), and Larijani (U.S. Patent No.: 6,603,746 B1). The closest prior art Vandghi (U.S. Patent No.: 6,393,276 B1) discloses a mobile station that measures SNR and reports the SNR to the Base or transmitter. The Base or transmitter determines power and data rate. The mobile or receiver does not receive an available power message from the base. The closest prior art Corazza (U.S. Patent No.; 6,563,810 B1) discloses a subscriber or receiver measures SNR or SIR and determines data rate and available headroom or transmit power but does not disclose that the subscriber or receiver receives and available power message from the base or transmitter. The closest prior art Larijani (U.S. Patent No.: 6,603,746 B1) discloses a control system or receiver measures SIR and bit rate or data rate. The control system or receiver sends the power control message or available power message not the transmitter.

The closest prior art Vandghi (U.S. Patent No.: 6,393,276 B1), Corazza (U.S. Patent No.; 6,563,810 B1), and Larijani (U.S. Patent No.: 6,603,746 B1) do not disclose either singularly or in combination and do not anticipate or render obvious the following claim limitations:

“receiving an available power message at the receiver indicating future available transmit power at the transmitter” as claimed in **Claim 1**.

In Addition:

Claims 2-13 & 26 are allowed because they depend on **Claim 1**.

“transmitting an available power message to a receiver indicating future available transmit power at a transmitter” as claimed in **Claim 14**.

In Addition:

Claims 15-21 are allowed because they depend on **Claim 14**.

“receiving an indication of data rate based on available transmit power at the transmitter and the measured signal-to-interference” as claimed in **Claim 22**.

In Addition:

Claim 23 is allowed because they depend on **Claim 22**.

Response to Amendment

5.0 Applicant's arguments filed 5/4/2000 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The examiner respectively disagrees with the applicant argument that the reference Vanghi (U.S. Patent No.; 6,393, 276) fails to show or disclose: "scheduling the plurality of receivers for time slotted data transmission based on the determined data rates". Vanghi (U.S. Patent No.; 6,393, 276) teaches: "scheduling the plurality of receivers for time slotted data transmission based on the determined data rates" per 152 of Fig 3.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

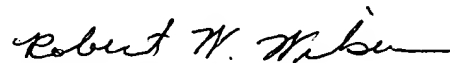
Conclusion

7.0 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert W Wilson whose telephone number is 703/305-4102. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas Olms can be reached on (703) 305-4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.



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Examiner
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